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SUBJ: RUMOR REITERATES CONTINUED ITALIAN SUPPOFR FOR ATLANTIC
ALLIANCE

1. PROGRAM OF 5TH RUMOR GOVERNMENT, PRESENTED BY PRIME
MINISTER TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT LATE LAST WEEK, PLEDGES
CONTINUED FULL SUPPORT FOR UNIFICATION OF EUROPE, WHICH
IT CONCEDES IS NOW ENDURING "ONE OF MOST DIFFICULT MOMENTS IN
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ITS HISTORY." "WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN ANY SUPPOSED ANTIHESIS

BETWEEN A 'EUROPEAN' EUROPE AND AN 'ATLANTIC' EUROPE", RUMOR STRESSED. RATHER, HE SAID, "WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE EUROPEAN IDENTITY WHICH WAS REAFFIRMED IN THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT IS DEFINITELY NOT INCOMPATIBLE WITH TIES OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE UNITED STATES. ON THE CONTRARY, WE DESIRE TO CONTINUE AND TO DEEPEN WITH THEM (THE UNITED STATES) A FRANK AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE, WITHOUT POLEMICS AND IN THE SPIRIT OF STRONG FRIENDSHIP AND COLLABORATION DIRECTED TOWARD A COMMON SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS WHICH RESPOND TO THE OFTEN NEW FACTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, WHICH IS STILL NOW THE BEST GUARANTEE OF COMMON WESTERN SECURITY AND PEACE."

2. RUMOR ALSO PROMISED CONTINUE ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR DETENTE AND FOR COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY WOULD CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD FREER CIRCULATION OF IDEAS AND INFORMATION.VOLPE

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